

REMARKS

The following remarks are being submitted as a supplement to the response filed December 9, 2005 with respect to the Office Action dated August 9, 2005. In view of the previously filed response and the following remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to give due reconsideration to this application, to indicate the allowability of the claims, and to pass this case to issue.

Interview Summary and Confirmation

In confirmation of the telephone interview conducted with the Examiner on October 18, 2005, Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for her consideration in discussing the above-referenced application with Applicants' undersigned representative.

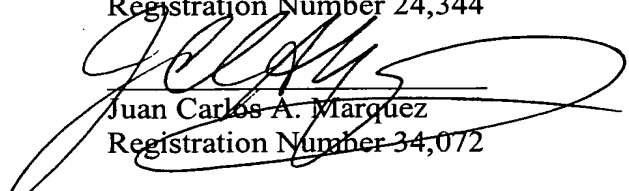
As discussed during the interview, proposed amendments to the claims were submitted to the Examiner for consideration only in the interview. The Examiner took the position that the proposed claim amendments were insufficient to overcome the prior art of record. Further, in order to make a persuasive argument that the invention is patentable, evidence must be presented to show that the invention achieves unexpected results that would not have been obvious in view of the prior art cited.

Conclusion

Favorable reconsideration of this application is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding issues requiring discussion that would further the prosecution and allowance of the above-captioned application, the Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' undersigned representative at the address and phone number indicated below.

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